



# CHILD CARE

## State Capacity Building Center

### State Systems Specialist Network

#### What is the State Systems Specialist Network (SSSN)?

One of the three State Capacity Building Center (SCBC) networks, the SSN offers expert knowledge and extensive experience to help States and Territories effectively implement the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program, realize Office of Child Care (OCC) priorities, and seize the opportunities provided by the *Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014* (CCDBG).

##### Infant/Toddler Specialist Network

Infant/Toddler Specialists work with the OCC Regional Program Managers, State Systems Specialists, CCDF Lead Agencies, Tribes, and local State system representatives to support infant/toddler quality improvement and supply-building activities.

##### Intensive Capacity Building Network

Up to 10 States receive intensive, longer-term early childhood (EC) systems building technical assistance (TA) through the Impact Project.

##### State Systems Specialist Network

State Systems Specialists work with CCDF State, Territory, and Tribal administrators to support the development and implementation of State and Territory work plans, deploying training and technical assistance (T/TA) resources/services in support of the plan.

State Systems Specialists, in conjunction with the Infant/Toddler Specialist Network and the Intensive Capacity Building Network, work with States/Territories to:

- Seek to improve individual, organizational, and system performance;
- Leverage the opportunities of CCDBG reauthorization;
- Use complex, adaptive systems thinking to address the issues with the greatest influence and impact on States and Territories.

The SSSN works with States to:

- Provide evidence-informed products, information, and referrals for all 56 States and Territories.
- Provide learning experiences to improve knowledge, skills, and capacity for 56 CCDF Administrators, CCDF Lead Agencies, and systems in States/Territories.
- Provide individualized TA and support to 56 States/Territories—consulting, coaching, training, peer-to-peer learning—designed to meet their unique needs and context.
- Leverage and facilitate coordination of existing TA resources to help States/Territories realize their goals.

#### How Are SSSN Services Identified and Rolled Out?

- State Systems Specialists work with CCDF State, Territory, and Tribal administrators to support the development and implementation of State and Territory work plans, deploying T/TA resources/services in support of the plan.
- These services roll out through close coordination and communication with the OCC, its regional offices, and the CCDF Administrators.
- State Systems Specialists deliver practical, assessment-driven training, coaching, consultation, and other services as identified based upon States/Territories' CCDF Plan goals and needs.

#### What Framework Will Anchor State Efforts to implement the New CCDF Law?

The new purposes and goals of the revised CCDBG will significantly strengthen child care and support child and family success. The new components of the law are ambitious and will require shrewd strategic action and recalibration of collaboration efforts from many partners to reach them. The CCDF preprint will provide the framework for implementation of CCDF services.

#### Contact Us Today

Learn more about the network and how we can support you.

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